

activating a current tasking horizon, said tasking horizon comprising one of a plurality of time frames over which said multiple tasks can be completed;

selecting a language for at least one of said multiple tasks;

receiving an actual date for said at least one of said multiple tasks;

receiving an estimated date for said at least one task;

calculating a first negative churn if said received estimated date is created in or moved into said current tasking horizon;

calculating a first positive churn if said received estimated date is deleted or moved out of said current tasking horizon;

calculating a second positive churn if said received estimated date exists in said current tasking horizon and said received actual date is moved out of or is created outside of said current tasking horizon;

calculating a third positive churn if said received actual date is moved out of said current tasking horizon and an accompanying received estimated date is not in said current tasking horizon;

calculating a second negative churn when said received actual date is created in or is moved into said current tasking horizon and said received estimated date is not in said current tasking horizon; and

receiving language that corresponds to said actual date, wherein a verb describes a reason for said actual date and for said churn.

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with an Appeal Brief. In the Final Office Action mailed October 22, 2001, the Examiner rejected claim 1 as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112(2), and then suggested language which would be acceptable (Office Action, page 4, section 10, paragraph 2). Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner enter the Amendment contained herein, and notice of such entry is also requested. Furthermore, Applicant wishes to make of record that the Examiner was requested to provide an Interview Summary regarding the Interview that took place on October 24, 2000, and that such a Summary has not yet been received by Applicant.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. A method for modeling multiple tasks for multiple users comprising the steps of:

breaking a project into said multiple tasks;

activating a current tasking horizon, said tasking horizon comprising one of a plurality of time frames over which said multiple tasks can be completed;

selecting a language for at least one of said multiple tasks;

receiving an actual date for said at least one of said multiple tasks;

receiving an estimated date for said at least one task;

calculating a first negative churn if said received estimated date is created in or moved into said current tasking horizon;

calculating a first positive churn if said received estimated date is deleted or moved out of said current tasking horizon;

calculating a second positive churn if said received estimated date exists in said current tasking horizon and said received actual date is moved out of or is created outside of said current tasking horizon;

calculating a third positive churn if said received actual date is moved out of said current tasking horizon and an accompanying received estimated date is not in said current tasking horizon;

calculating a second negative churn when said received actual date is created in or is moved into said current tasking horizon and said received estimated date is not in said current tasking horizon; and

receiving language that corresponds to said actual date, wherein a verb describes a reason for said actual date and for said churn.